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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Ulrich Shiestl et al.
SERIAL NO.: 10/738, 326
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FOR: Combustion-Engined Setting Tool with Volumetric
Metering of Gaseous Fuel
EXAMINER: Hyder Ali Group: 3747

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2004 (a request for one-month extension of time being enclosed), in which the Examiner rejected Claim 1 as being unpatentable over the prior art, and indicated that Claims 2-9 would become allowable upon having been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of Claims 2-9 is noted and appreciated. However, it is respectfully submitted that rewriting Claims 2-9 in independent form is not necessary as they depend on a claim believed to be allowable over the prior art.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: